

Support for the Advanced Clean Coal Technology Investment in Our Nation Act

“We applaud Senator Heitkamp for her leadership in ensuring coal has a significant role in a balanced and diverse fuel mix for electricity generation. We need all kinds of energy to sustain economic growth in this region and the nation. Senator Heitkamp recognizes this fact, and is working diligently - not only on funding for coal technology, but on policies that ensure this vital natural resource continues to power our economy.”

- *Mark Bring, Director of Legislative Affairs, Otter Tail Power Company*

“I am writing to express Great River Energy’s support for Senator Heitkamp’s efforts to develop legislation to encourage clean coal technology development, including technologies to cost effectively capture, use and store carbon dioxide...In addition, we applaud the recognition she has given in the legislation to the need for accelerated development of next generation, transformational technologies. This focus on transformational technologies will stimulate America’s scientists and engineers to do what they do best and develop the coal technologies of the future that are low cost, reliable and nearly emissions free.”

- *Robert P. Ambrose, Director of Governmental Affairs, Great River Energy*

“On behalf of Minnkota Power Cooperative, I thank Senator Heitkamp for her diligent work in ensuring coal continues to play a vital role in our energy future. It is important to realize the real-world costs for developing and implementing advanced clean coal technologies, and this bill looks to provide some of the necessary funding that will hopefully drive down those costs over time. Sen. Heitkamp once again has demonstrated she’s a strong leader and a clear voice in developing policy that supports new clean coal technology.”

- *Mac McLennan, President & CEO, Minnkota Power Cooperative*

“The Lignite Energy Council supports Senator Heitkamp’s bill, which will add much needed technology resources if the coal industry is to transition into a carbon-constrained world. Lignite Energy Council members have a great track record of working together with the Department of Energy to create new and innovative technologies. Having said that, we also need a near-term solution to ensure coal -- our nation's largest energy resource -- remains a central component of our nation's energy policy, now and into the future.”

- *Jason Bohrer, President and CEO, Lignite Energy Council*

“We at Summit Power applaud Senator Heitkamp for her leadership and comprehensive approach in preparing the Advanced Clean Coal Technology Investment in Our Nation (ACCTION) Act. The bill provides important incentives for projects that reduce the carbon footprint of our nation’s fossil energy resources. We look forward to working with the Senator to address important regulatory issues and to promote the broader commercialization of carbon capture in our country. This legislation is a strong step toward ensuring that fossil resources, such as coal, will have their carbon captured and be used cleanly enough to maintain their role in the U.S. energy mix for decades to come.”

- *Eric Redman, President & CEO of Summit Power Group, LLC and Summit Carbon Capture, LLC*

“I commend you on your efforts to encourage clean coal technology development, including the introduction of legislation to increase support for innovative coal technologies...Of particular importance are your proposals to expand Department of Energy support for carbon capture and storage research, development and deployment programs and to authorize a new DOE program to provide liability protection and other assistance for up to 10 large-scale geologic storage and enhanced oil recovery projects.”

- *Thomas R. Kuhn, President of the Edison Electric Institute*